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DINING IN TALK - VR-24

I. INTRODUCTION/GREETINGS

- HAPPY TO SHARE THIS FESTIVE OCCASION WITH THE OFFICERS OF THE "WORLD'S BIGGEST-LITTLEST" AIRLINE," YOU ARE THE UNSUNG HEROES OF THE SIXTH FLEET AND NATO'S SOUTHERN FLANK.
- FEEL AS IF KNOW VR-24, MOSTLY THROUGH T-39 CREWS. EVERY TIME CLIMB ABOARD WONDER WHETHER BIRD ON SQUADRON PATCH IS AN EAGLE OR A TURKEY.
 - MIGHT HAVE VOTED FOR TURKEY WHEN PETE FORD LEFT ME STANDING ON THE RUNWAY IN MILAN LAST NOVEMBER. I'M SURE THERE ARE STILL QUESTIONS AS TO WHO WAS AT RIGHT AND WHO WAS AT THE WRONG AIRPORT.
 - HOWEVER, VR-24 DESERVED THE EAGLE AWARD WHEN RESCUED ME AT THE ISTRES FRENCH AIR BASE THAT SAME MONTH WHEN MY OWN AIRLINE

- SERIOUSLY, I WANT ALSO TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON
RECENT CNO SAFETY AWARD. FINE ACHIEVEMENT.

II. TOPIC

- SAFETY IN PEACETIME IMPORTANT
OBVIOUS REASONS
- POINT VIEW YOUR AIRLINE - SAFETY WARTIME MORE
IMPORTANT
 - TEMPTATION TO ACCEPT RISKS GREATER
 - CONTRAST ATTACK/FIGHTER PILOTS -
YOU CAN AFFORD EVEN LESS RISK IN WAR
- WHY?
 - BECAUSE DON'T BUILD IN ANY RESERVE FOR
LOSSES AS WITH COMBAT AIRCRAFT
 - BECAUSE YOUR TASK ESSENTIAL
 - BECAUSE LOT MORE THINKING TODAY OF
POSSIBILITY SHORT INTENSE WAR IN EUROPE -
KIND IN WHICH LOGISTICS BY AIR PLAY KEY

ROLE.

2-3 WEEKS - PERHAPS 30 DAYS

- WHY OF INTEREST?
 - SIGNS WAY SOVIET ARMY PREPARING IN CENTER.
 - KNOW SOVIET NAVY IN MED ONE-SHOT AFFAIR - NO RELOADS
 - DANGERS IN MED ARE FROM FLARE UP OF ONE OF OUR HOT SPOTS:
 - MID EAST
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- IF TENSION FLARED UP IN ONE OF THESE INTO COMBAT, BOTH SIDES, SOV & U.S. WOULD WANT TO COOL IT BEFORE WENT TOO FAR.
 - CRITICAL WE COME OUT ON TOP -
 - HENCE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF RAPID LOGISTICS
- , HENCE, CRITICALITY WHAT YOUR ROLE MAY BE.

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- SPARE PARTS

- TECH REPS

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- FLIGHT - BABY IN T-39

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- IN PEACE HAVE SAME MATERIAL ISSUES AS IN WAR -

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-- FACT OF NEW WAY OF LIFE

-- FACT OF VOLUNTEER FORCE AND NECESSITY
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED FORCES SOUTHERN EUROPE

MEMO SLIP

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